

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING JUNE 21, 2021

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice-President Robert B. Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Attorney Alan Wilson and County Auditor Jessica Secrease.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/ RECOGNITION:

Commissioner Wyman ask for Prayers for Dr. Don Zent's family due to his recent passing.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD:

Commissioners congratulated county employee Yvonne Weitzel, her position with the county is Direct Supervision of Detained Youth at Robert J. Kinsey Center. Yvonne takes her job very seriously and performs her duties diligently, Yvonne treats the youth in her charge with respect and she gets respect in return. Yvonne is also a team player and works very well with all of her partners. It is with great honor that the Commissioners extended congratulations and the memento from Kokomo Opalescent Glass to her. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of June 7, 2021, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd, Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:

HOWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY SUPERVISION:

Approval of Grants:

Community Supervision Director Dustin Delong, submitted the Indiana Department of Corrections -Home Detention, Work Release, and Probation Grant, this Grant will be used to finish out the female pod at Work Release and to hire more probation officers. Mr. Delong also submitted the Grant for the Indiana Office of Court Services, the funding from this Grant will be used to help out in the area of Pre-Trial Services. The Grants were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HOWARD COUNTY RECORDER:

Approval of the Laredo Contract:

Howard County Recorder Jennifer Jack, submitted the Laredo Contract with Near North Title Group. The contract has been approved by Howard County Attorney Alan Wilson. The Laredo contract with Near North Title Group was submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on June 4, 2021 in the amount of \$868,466.53 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd . Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid June 21, 2021. in the amount of \$1,292,379.83 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

3. **Monthly Reports:** Reports were submitted for review and accepted by the Board. Treasures Office, Weight's & Measurers.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Attorney Alan Wilson, submitted the Resolution No. 2021- BCCR - 7 to OPT out of opioids settlement pursuant to l. C. 4-6-15-2. A motion was made by Commissioner Dodd to approve the Resolution No. 2021- BCCR - 7 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and motion carried.

COMMISSIONER ISSUE:

Commissioner Wyman, submitted a request for a proposal for the broadband internet infrastructure. The proposal will be advertised for the various companies that provide wireless and fiber broadband internet, this is so they can provide solutions to better serve the unserved and underserved in the community, submissions are due by noon on July 8th, 2021. Commissioner Wyman is approving the RFP for broadband internet infrastructure to be advertised. Commissioner Bray made a motion for the approval to have the advertisement for the broadband and internet infrastructure, Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Wyman, submitted that BZA Committee member Greg Sullivan has resigned. Michael Schroder from GM will be replacing Mr. Sullivan. Commissioner Bray made a motion to except the resignation of Greg Sullivan and the appointment of Michael Schroder to the BZA Committee, Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Brad Semon, Mr. Semon is asking if there has been an ordinance for the Solar project prepared and when it would be released, and how it will be released? Commissioner Wyman stated that we are close to having the ordinance finished and it will be made public by multiple outlets.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m. on a motion
made by Commissioner Bray, seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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